

2009 SURFACE TRANSPORTATION REAUTHORIZATION CONNECTING AMERICA'S TREASURED PLACES

The Intermountain Region (IMR) consists of 8 States and 91 parks, which welcomed 40,500,000 visitors in 2008. IMR is a geographically diverse region, ranging from 14,000 foot peaks to coastal beaches. Visitor access is provided by 1,600 miles of paved roads and 50 transportation systems.

Operations and maintenance in IMR is complicated by vast distances and short construction seasons. For large parks with long scenic roads, construction is further complicated by piecemeal funding, which can result in inefficient construction practices (multiple inspections and design phases for example).



To prepare for NPS' 100th Anniversary, IMR is focusing on preserving existing transportation facilities and services, with three priorities:

- ⟨ Improve roads and bridges region-wide
- ⟨ Complete the Pavement Preservation Program in all 91 parks
- ⟨ Maintain, operate and replace transit vehicle fleet

During SAFETEA-LU, IMR had a funding obligation rate of 98%, and completed ??? projects in 8 states, while rehabilitating/reconstructing ??? miles of road and ??? bridges.

IMR is proud of its accomplishments during SAFETEA-LU. To further improve planning, asset management and system operations, IMR launched a pilot Long Range Transportation Plan in 2008. The 20-year plan will be completed in 2010, and will include a 5-year program for preservation of roads, bridges, and parking, and new funding for trails, and communications infrastructure such as Intelligent Transportation Systems.



IMR PRIORITY PROJECTS: 2010–2015

Rocky Mountain National Park

Complete the reconstruction of Bear Lake Road



Glacier National Park

Complete the reconstruction of Going to the Sun Road



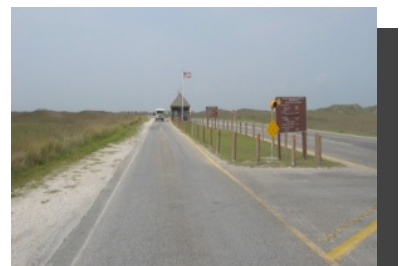
Yellowstone National Park

Reconstruction of the road network and replacement of two bridges



Small Park Initiatives

Using Federal Highways software, IMR has identified priorities for major rehabilitation of main park roads: Chaco Culture, Padre Island, Capulin Volcano, Petroglyph, Tuzigoot, and Natural Bridges.



Pavement Preservation Program:

In 2008, IMR began a centralized maintenance program for our paved assets. The life cycle of pavement is greatly enhanced by routine pavement treatments, and IMR's goal is to have all paved assets treated and stabilized by 2016.



For more information, read the NPS Reauthorization Resource paper at www.nps.gov/transportation/roads/library/NPS_reauthorize_120807.pdf